

# PRODUCT UPDATE

## Clinical Center Standardization Committee



**Sterile Gloves**  
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**STERILE GLOVES ARE STANDARDIZED TO REGENT MEDICAL BIOGEL®**

	<p><b><i>Skinsense™ N Universal (dark blue, sterile, surgery, latex-free, smooth finish, powder-free, 8 ML thick)</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Distribution:</u></b> Housewide <b><u>Unit of Issue:</u></b> Each</p> <p><b><u>Item ID#:</u></b> 02818 [Size 5.5]; 02819 [6.0]; 02820 [6.5]; 02821 [7.0]; 02822 [7.5]; 02823 [8.0]; 02824 [8.5]; 02825 [9.0]</p> <p><b><u>Find in VSC Using Any of the Following:</u></b> Glove, Surg, Latex Free, Biogel, Skinsense N Univ, [glove size], [item#]</p>
	<p><b><i>Skinsense™ PI (light blue, sterile, surgery, latex-free, smooth finish, powder-free, 10 ML thick)</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Distribution:</u></b> Only Cath Lab and Specials <b><u>Unit of Issue:</u></b> Each</p> <p><b><u>Item ID#:</u></b> 02810 [Size 5.5]; 02811 [6.0]; 02812 [6.5]; 02813 [7.0]; 02814 [7.5]; 02815 [8.0]; 02816 [8.5]; 02817 [9.0]</p> <p><b><u>Find in VSC Using Any of the Following:</u></b> Glove, Surg, Latex Free, Biogel, Skinsense, [glove size], [item#]</p>
	<p><b><i>Super Sensitive™ OptiFIT (straw color, sterile, surgery, latex, smooth finish, powder-free, 8 ML thick)</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Distribution:</u></b> Only Cath Lab and Specials <b><u>Unit of Issue:</u></b> Each</p> <p><b><u>Item ID#:</u></b> 02809 [6.5]; 02805 [7.0]; 02806 [7.5]; 02807 [8.0]; 02808 [9.0]</p> <p><b><u>Find in VSC Using Any of the Following:</u></b> Glove, Surg, Latex Free, Biogel, Skinsense N Univ, [glove size], [item#]</p>

Our process of conversion to a powder-free, latex-safe environment is ongoing. One challenge was finding the best sterile gloves. For several months our operating room and Special Procedures staff extensively and successfully evaluated Biogel Skinsense and OptiFIT.

Repeated exposure to glove powder, NRL proteins, and chemical accelerators may cause sensitivity, irritation and allergic reactions in exposed individuals (also, glove powder acts as a vector for NRL proteins). These proteins can be aerosolized and transferred to many areas in the hospital. As a result, a powder-free environment will allow for a safe work place for all patients and health care employees. Our sterile gloves include these elements: Powder-free; Low dermatitis potential; Latex-Free Sterile gloves and Powder-Free Latex Sterile Gloves; 100% inspection; Low in-use failure rate.

\* *Gloves discontinued: Biogel Sensor, Biogel Indicator System, Allergard, Microtouch, Neutralon, Eudermic.*

\*\* *Pyxis supply changes: nurse managers email request to Raymond Spencer & email copy to Paula Wrenn.*